

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite Claims 7 to 11 into independent form. Please cancel Claims 1 to 6, 12 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

1. to 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A liquid container containing ink, which is detachably mountable to a carriage, the improvement residing in the provision of an optical medium to which information is writable using visible light and from which the information is readable, A liquid container according to Claim 1,

wherein said optical medium includes a substrate and a coloring matter layer laminated thereon, and said substrate is integral with said liquid container.

8. (Currently Amended) A liquid container containing ink, which is detachably mountable to a carriage, the improvement residing in the provision of an optical medium to which information is writable using visible light and from which the information is readable, A liquid container according to Claim 1,

wherein said liquid container is made of amorphous cyclic polyolefin resin material.

9. (Currently Amended) A liquid container containing ink, which is detachably mountable to a carriage, the improvement residing in the provision of an optical medium to which information is writable using visible light and from which the information is readable, A liquid container according to Claim 1,

wherein said optical medium includes a plurality of the areas on which the same information is written, respectively.

10. (Currently Amended) A liquid container containing ink, which is detachably mountable to a carriage, the improvement residing in the provision of an optical medium to which information is writable using visible light and from which the information is readable, A liquid container according to Claim 1,

wherein said optical medium includes a first area in which a main part of the information is written and the second area in which a subordinate part of the information indicative of a position at which the main information is written.

11. (Currently Amended) A liquid container containing ink, which is detachably mountable to a carriage, the improvement residing in the provision of an optical medium to which information is writable using visible light and from which the information is readable, A liquid container according to Claim 1,

wherein further comprising a prim prism in a liquid accommodating portion for accommodating the liquid, and wherein are the reflecting surface of the prism is deviated from said optical medium with respect to a direction of height of said liquid container.

12. and 13. (Cancelled)